



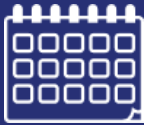
# NEWSLETTER

## A message from our **PRINCIPAL**



Dates for Your

## DIARY



### SWIMMING LESSONS

**CEDAR AND ELDER** CLASSES - EVERY THURSDAY UNTIL THE END OF TERM

### MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

TEACHER TRAINING DAY—CHILDREN BACK IN SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

### WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

PINE AND ASH CLASS TRIP TO THE BLACK COUNTRY MUSEUM

### WEEK BEGINNING 10TH NOVEMBER

ANTI BULLYING WEEK—ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOL

### WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

ELM CLASS TRIP TO NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL ARBORETUM

### WEDNESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

PARENTS/CARERS FESTIVE CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA—LETTERS COMING HOME FOLLOWING HALF TERM BREAK

Dear Parents/Carers

We have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming you all back to another busy year ahead here at Phoenix Academy.

We have enjoyed getting to know the new children and families at Phoenix and are pleased with how well they are all settling in.

In the next half term, we have lots of fun activities planned especially with the build up to Christmas. Please check in on Class Dojo to see what the children have been doing and keep an eye out for any letters coming home in regards to any class trips.

We would like to remind you that children are able to have breakfast when they arrive at school and are welcome to bring a healthy snack for morning break, such as a cereal bar, fruit or rice-cakes. Please remember not to

send any products containing nuts into school due to both staff and pupil allergies.

We are continuing to hold our regular parent and carer coffee afternoons, the next one being a Festive Christmas Afternoon Tea for our parents/carers on Wednesday 26th November. The lovely Barbara will be welcoming you with cake with tea/coffee and both Steph and Kelly will be joining you for a catch up. Letters will be coming home for this event following the half term break.

We would like to wish you all a lovely week off and look forward to welcoming all the children back on Tuesday 4th November.

[www.phoenixatrust.org.uk](http://www.phoenixatrust.org.uk)

Please see our website for lots of information.

*Miss E Phillips*



# Phoenix Safeguarding Team



Miss L. Dawes—Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mr Simon Muller

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Ms S. Edwards

Safeguarding Team



Ms K. Oakes

Safeguarding Team



Walsall Family Hubs run various meetings for parents/carers who have a child on a waiting list for a Paediatric Health Service Appointment with guest speakers attending throughout the year.

On 29th October they will be covering Toileting Tips & Tricks and Supporting & Developing Children's Communication between 09.30am and 11.30am at Manor farm Community Centre. If you wish to have any more information please call the number attached.



## Toileting tips and tricks

Is your child on a waiting list to be seen by a paediatric health service?

**Come and join us at Manor Farm Community Association for the meeting of the Supported Waiting Network.**

We have guest speakers to advise on a variety of monthly topics and many services who support with access to additional support for you and your child. Come and chat to other parents, find out what additional support is available across the partnership with our monthly themed support group.

For further advice or information, telephone **01922 656463** or email [pals.officer@nhs.net](mailto:pals.officer@nhs.net)



🕒 9.30am-11.30am 📅 29 October 2025

📍 Manor Farm Community Association  
King George Cres, Rushall, Walsall, WS4 1EU

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# RAINBOW CLASS



In Rainbow class this half term we have been studying all about the Stone Age. We have looked at the three different eras of the Stone age and are currently comparing them to the Bronze Age and the Iron Age. We have made replica Stone Age tools, necklaces and even had a go at recreating Stonehenge and cave paintings. In English we have been exploring persuasive writing. Our class book is 'Stig of the dump' and we have written recounts of the significant events in the book. For Maths we have been looking at place value and addition and subtraction. We have used concrete materials such as base 10 and place value counters to help us with our understanding and learning. In Science we have been learning about the different life cycles of plants and animals.

# ELM CLASS



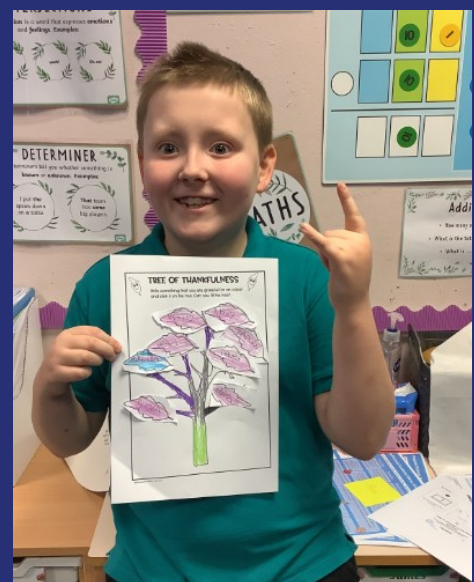
Elm Class is officially off to a brilliant start!

They've been busy settling into their new surroundings, embracing a variety of new activities that have been a fantastic way to break the ice. From collaborative team challenges to creative projects, the children are quickly getting to know each other and discovering shared interests. Friendships are blossoming as they learn to work and play together, truly embodying the spirit of community. Most importantly, Elm Class is starting to understand and adopt 'The Phoenix Way'—our school's unique approach to learning, respect, and personal growth. Get ready to watch these new classmates rise and shine together!"



# PINE CLASS

What a fantastic start to the year it has been in Pine Class! During Autumn 1, the children have shown incredible enthusiasm and teamwork in everything they've done. In Science, we explored animals, living things, and humans, carrying out exciting experiments to test how different foods and drinks affect our teeth — a real favourite among the class! Our Topic lessons have taken us on an amazing journey through the Stone Age, Bronze Age, and Iron Age. The children got hands-on with clay to create their own roundhouses, designed stunning Stonehenge-inspired artwork, and even crafted their very own Stone Age weapons and Bronze Age shields. Alongside all of this wonderful learning, the class has been focusing on building strong friendships and supporting one another. Everyone has settled into the new school year beautifully .



# ASH CLASS



Ash Class have had a fantastic start to the new year. We have enjoyed our topic -Tribal Tales and have shown a good understanding of life in prehistoric times by building forts, weaving baskets and creating models of prehistoric animals. However, our favourite activities have been in Maths where we have focused on number and place value.

# CEDAR CLASS

This half term, in Cedar Class, we have investigated the Stone Age, Bronze Age and the Iron Age. The children have found it difficult to understand what life is like without electricity and the internet. We have talked about what they would have needed to survive and how the different settlements would barter for their supplies with other settlements.

We used clay to make Celtic brooches, used mixed media to create images of Stone Henge and even weaved our own baskets.



# ELDER CLASS



This term, the Elder Class has embarked on a thrilling journey exploring Tribal Tales! Our young historians have delved into the fascinating world of the Stone Age, designing and crafting their very own weapons and jewellery. The creativity continued as they replicated the iconic Stonehenge in their artwork, showcasing both talent and imagination.

In English, pupils developed a unique Stone Age character, weaving their stories around this intriguing figure. The narratives the children created have been nothing short of captivating!

In mathematics, we have been mastering place value, which has provided the class with the essential skills needed for calculations.

To top it all off, our swimming sessions for P.E. have been invigorating! The children are making splendid progress in the water, building their confidence and skills with every lesson.

What an incredible term it has been for the Elder Class, filled with learning and adventure!

# Friday Activities

This half term the children will have the opportunity to take part in activities on a Friday afternoon. These activities include...

Cooking

STEM

Boxing

Forest

Art





# ATTENDANCE 2025/2026



We understand that this time of year, children become ill from time to time. Please make sure that you contact the school office by 9.15am to let the office staff know if your child is absent.



We would like to celebrate those who are still on 100% attendance so far this academic year and also those who are above 97% . You can now check your child's attendance percentage on My Child At School (MCAS.) If you have not yet signed up, please call the school office to request a link.

We would like to remind you all the importance of attendance and punctuality and the impact this has on your child's learning. It is important that your child is at school on time and ready to learn at 08.45am.

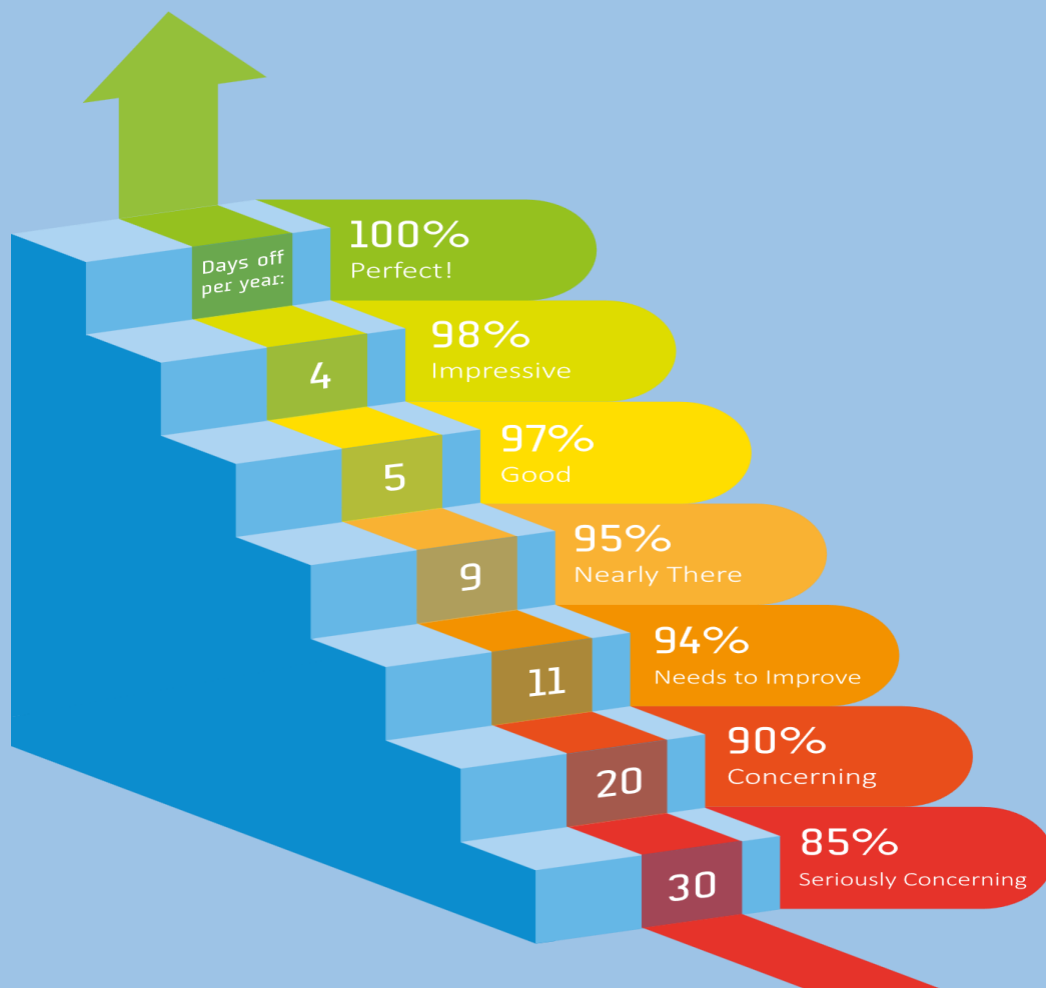


# ATTENDANCE DATA 2025/2026



## Attendance data (AUTUMN TERM)

Attendance breakdowns will follow in future newsletters due to transitions of new pupils.



# NEW LUNCH MENU

## WEEK 1

### MONDAY

*Cheese and Tomato Pizza*

*Quorn Wraps*

*Glazed Iced Sponge*

### TUESDAY

*Chicken Tikka Masala*

*Macaroni Cheese (v)*

*Strawberry Jelly*

### WEDNESDAY

*Herby Roast Chicken*

*Quorn Roast (v)*

*Oatey Apple Crumble*

### THURSDAY

*Beef Bolognaise*

*Quorn Bolognaise (v)*

*Fruity Flapjack*

### FRIDAY

*Southern fried Chicken*

*Crispy Quorn Dippers*

*Oatey Lemon Raison Cookies*

## WEEK 2

### MONDAY

*Crispy Fish Fingers*

*Margherita Pizza(v)*

*Shortbread*

### TUESDAY

*Beefy meatballs*

*Cheese and Potato Pie(v)*

*Chocolate and Banana  
Marble Cake*

### WEDNESDAY

*Roast Pork Sausages*

*Roast Quorn sausage (v)*

*Jam Sponge with Custard*

### THURSDAY

*Chicken Breast Burger*

*Bean Enchiladas (v)*

*Pineapple Upside Down  
Cake*

### FRIDAY

*Crispy Battered Fish*

*Cheese and Onion Slice*

*Pancakes*

## WEEK 3

### MONDAY

*Loaded Hotdog with onions  
and Bacon Bits*

*Loaded Quorn Hot Dog*

*Strawberry/Banana  
Mouse*

### TUESDAY

*Chicken Tikka Masala*

*Mac 'N' Cheese (v)*

*Chocolate Shortbread*

### WEDNESDAY

*Roast Chicken*

*Quorn Roast (v)*

*Apple Sponge and Custard*

### THURSDAY

*Crispy Battered Fish*

*Margherita Pizza (v)*

*Beetroot Brownie*

### FRIDAY

*Southern Fried Chicken*

*Quorn Dippers (V)*

*Flapjack*

**Available Daily: Jacket Potato, Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwich,  
Salad Bar, Freshly Baked Bread, Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit**

## TERM DATES 2024

### AUTUMN TERM 2025

Term starts: Monday 1st September 2025

Half term holiday: Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025

Term ends: Friday 19th December 2025

### SPRING TERM 2026

Term starts: Monday 5th January 2026

Half term holiday: Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026

Term ends: Thursday 2nd April 2026

### SUMMER TERM 2026

Term starts: Monday 20th April 2026

Half term holiday: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026

Term ends: Tuesday 21st July 2026

### [INSET DATES 2025/2026:](#)

~~MONDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2025~~

~~TUESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2025~~

MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2025

FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2026

FRIDAY 26TH JUNE 2026

MONDAY 20TH JULY 2026



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